

APPENDIX A
CLAIMS ON APPEAL

1. A punctum plug which is more easily visualized when positioned within a punctual canal, the plug comprising:

a body having an outwardly exposed surface when so positioned; and

a substance causing at least the outwardly exposed surface to contrast with surrounding tissue, such that the use of the substance causes the plug to be more easily visualized than if the substance were not present.

2. The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance is disposed on the outwardly exposed surface.

3. The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance is disposed within the plug body.

4. The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance includes an organic or inorganic phosphor, a fluorescent material, reflective beads, quantum dots, a dye or pigment that contrasts with surrounding tissue.

5. The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the plug is illuminated with light at an illumination wavelength, and wherein the substance generates radiated light at a wavelength other than the illumination wavelength.

6. The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the illumination wavelength is in the violet or ultraviolet portion of the spectrum.

7. The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the radiated light is in the visible spectrum.

8. The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the radiated light is outside the visible spectrum, and further including a detector for detecting the radiated light.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A punctum plug which is more easily visualized when positioned within a punctual canal, the plug comprising:

a body having an outwardly exposed surface when so positioned; and

a substance causing at least the outwardly exposed surface to contrast with surrounding tissue, such that the use of the substance causes the plug to be more easily visualized than if the substance were not present.

2. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance is disposed on the outwardly exposed surface.

3. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance is disposed within the plug body.

4. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the substance includes an organic or inorganic phosphor, a fluorescent material, reflective beads, quantum dots, a dye or pigment that contrasts with surrounding tissue.

5. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 1, wherein the plug is illuminated with light at an illumination wavelength, and wherein the substance generates radiated light at a wavelength other than the illumination wavelength.

6. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the illumination wavelength is in the violet or ultraviolet portion of the spectrum.

7. (Original) The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the radiated light is in the visible spectrum.

8. (Currently Amended) The punctum plug of claim 5, wherein the radiated light is outside the

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visible spectrum, ~~the invention~~ and further including a detector for detecting the radiated light.

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